

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please rewrite the Abstract as follows:

An object of the present invention is to provide a method of operating a nuclear reactor, which is capable of effectively suppressing the initiation and growth of ~~SCC~~ stress corrosion cracking of reactor structural members of a ~~BWR~~ boiling water reactor without increasing the dose rate of a main steam system and thereby reducing radioactivity of reactor water~~7~~. This is accomplished by carrying out, at a suitable period, a control for injecting hydrogen in the reactor water while adjusting the pH of the reactor water on the alkali side. According to ~~a first~~ one feature of the present invention, the pH at room temperature of reactor water is controlled in a range of $8.5 < \text{pH} \leq 9$ at the beginning stage of start-up operation of one operating cycle, and then controlled in a range of $7 < \text{pH} \leq 8.5$ until shutdown operation~~7~~, ~~and the h.~~ Hydrogen concentration of the reactor

water is controlled in a range of 30 to 100 ppb throughout the operating cycle.